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RECONSTRUCTING A LIGAMENT

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 14, 2008.

The Examiner comments on the reasons for allowance by stating that the system includes “a flexible member being configurable into a generally U-shaped (sic) with a fist (sic) and second closed loops being thereby positionable adjacent each other and aligned with each other in the first bone tunnel.” Applicants note that claim 18 does not include all these elements that the Examiner

has attributed to the flexible member. For example, claim 18 does not require a U-shaped flexible member.

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Respectfully submitted,

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